Priority

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Previous references.
G. Dn 644-17 Sls 15 to 18 1918-19
G. Dn 102-16 Sls 134 & 138
P. P 21-18 Sls 165 (P. P)
Later references. 7 & 16

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Serial Nos. 11 to 14

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 11 to 14

Part B for November 18

SUBJECT.

Suggests the desirability of the formation of a Priority Committee to state for the State of the C & M Station

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14) To,
The Controller of Munitions in Mysore
No. G 1605 dt 28-11-18
State, that Govt Consider the above unnecessary,

W D 88—GPB—50,000—24-7-16

M. Ranjappa Rao
14/12/18

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NOTES

File No. 2

FILE HEADING.

From

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Please get from the Controller of munitions for perusal the circular letter that he refers to

WD 1232—GPB—20,000—18-11-16

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General and Revenue Secretariat. P.O File No. 21 of 1918.19

Serial No.	
	3 Draft submd by 21/9/18 4 Draft U/S 21/9/18
12	To The Controller of Munitions Mysore No. G. 5982 & 21.9.18 Requests with regard to the formation of a Priority Committee for the Mysore State and the C of M Station, that the circular of the Indian Munitions Bd, Ref to There is may be forwarded for the Information
13	From the above No 3073/269 & 28.9.18 forwards the circulars regd to above 5. Submitted with refce to para 2 of the notes. Mg 2/10/18 U/S 6/10/18 6) Have we not appointed a committee for the State & Cantts to assist the Director of Civil Supplies in regard to Railway Transport

NOTE—Contn. sheet.

WD A 1769—GPB—60,000—20-8-18—E.

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General and Revenue Secretariat. | P.P File No. 21 of 1918.19

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Is not that a Priority Committee. Please put up the papers about it.

cbk
7/10/18

1) The file containing the papers regarding the appointment of an advising Committee to assist the Director is put up. What the Controller of Munitions now proposes is the formation of a Committee to consider applns for priority assistance for importing materials from the United Kingdom. Such applns are now being forwarded to the Residency Munitions Officer for necessary further action.

hcg
6/11/18

Chief Secy

6/11/18

2) I do not think that any such committee is necessary. Except for Govt Depts & some Commercial Concerns assisted by Govt there are few direct importers from Europe & America. Letters requiring facilities for imports are dealt with by the Customs Authorities.

I agree. Hereafter so as all these arrangements will now be carried out by the Customs Authorities.

CBK
8/11/18

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1) Read
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Chapter) W J 21/11/18

10) Return a reply encls & submit to 2nd member for approval before issue.
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25/11/18
W J 25/11/18

11) A draft is submitted for approval
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12) Issued W J 27/11/18

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...RY NO. 4816

Office of the Director of Industries
and Controller of Munitions
No: and Commerce in Mysore,

Bangalore, Dated the 12th September 1918.

From

V. RANGASAWMI IYENGAR, ESQ., B.C.E.,

Offg: Director of Industries and Commerce, and
Controller of Munitions in Mysore.
B a n g a l o r e.

To

C. S. BALASUNDRAMIER, ESQ., B.A.,

Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore,

B a n g a l o r e.

Sir,

I have the honour to state, that the Secretary, Indian Munitions Board, has in his letter No: G.933 dated 22nd: August 1918 intimated me the fact of my appointment as Controller of Munitions for Mysore. In a Circular forwarded along with this letter, instructions are issued as to what the work of the ---- Controllers are. One amongst these, is to serve on a local Priority Committee. At present, the practice is, for priority applications to be forwarded to the Hon: British Resident, throug-h the Secretariat. I have the honour to suggest the desiribility of the formation of a Priority Committee, to serve both for the State and the Civil and Military Station and would suggest the following gentlemen to serve on the Committee on behalf of the Durbar.

(1) The Controller of Munitions.

(2) W.C.Rose, Esq., President Chamber of Commerce.

(3) Agent, Mysore State Railways.

I would request you to address the Board, through the Residency

Residency ~~and~~ about the creation of the Committee.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Offg: Director.

GJ 59824 P.A. 27-18
Inward No 7)

To
The Controller of Accounts
Nairobi

Sir,

With reference to your letter No 2601/221 of the 12th inst regarding the formation of a Parity Committee for the Nyanza Slate & the CPM Stn, I am directed to request that the Controller of the Inchape Accounts BD refd to therein may be forwarded to this office for reference

Yours obt
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for Secretary

OCT 1918

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DIARY NO.....

No. 3073/269
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OFFICE OF THE
DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE
~~"BEDFORD HOUSE," HIGH GROUND,~~

From

Bangalore, 28th September 1918.

~~ALFRED CHATTERTON, Esq., F.C.G.I., C.I.E.,~~

The Director of Industries and Commerce in Mysore,
Bangalore, (India).

To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of H.H. the
Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.G.5982/P.P.21-18-12 dated 21-9-18, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of the Confidential Circular issued by the Indian Munitions Board referred to in my letter No.2601/221 dated the 12th instant.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
your most obedient servant,

DIRECTOR.

M.S.R.

CONFIDENTIAL.

9)

INDIAN MUNITIONS BOARD.

Memorandum No. G.-501, dated the 7th September 1917, for the information and guidance of Provincial Controllers of Munitions under the Indian Munitions Board.

Administration and Reports.—Controllers have been furnished with copies of a note in which is given a short account of the organization of the Munitions Board, supplemented by copies of the weekly progress reports prepared by the Board. With regard to these weekly reports the Munitions Board would be glad to receive from each Controller similar reports showing the work done in his circle. Suitable parts of the provincial reports are incorporated in the reports prepared by the Munitions Board, copies of which in print are supplied regularly to all Controllers as well as to the India Office and certain departments of the Government of India. The objects which the Board has in view are to maintain a running record of work done, and to promote the interchange of information between it and its provincial representatives. It is requested that the reports be typed on one side of the paper only, and be sent in triplicate to facilitate printing and extracting.

2. In the process of incorporating suitable extracts from the provincial reports in the printed record it is necessary occasionally to edit them. Care is, however, taken in no way to alter the sense of what has been written, and it is believed that Controllers will have no objection to this much liberty being taken with their contributions

3. The Board will be glad if the provincial reports are confined, as far as possible, to a summary of action taken, or to points of general interest, so that it may be possible to incorporate them more or less completely as appendices to the weekly reports. In particular, it is requested that references to which it is not desirable to give publicity may be made by separate letters, as the Board's report is very widely circulated and there is always a considerable chance of its contents becoming known, it is, therefore, desirable that it should not contain mention of specially confidential or debatable topics. Separate references should be made on subjects under discussion.

4. *Exchange of information and suggestions.*—To facilitate the exchange of information, with which it will frequently be convenient to deal in demi-official correspondence a broadsheet has been prepared, which shews the organization of the Munitions Board Headquarters staff. This will give Controllers an idea as to the officers with whom they might appropriately correspond demi-officially, though ordinarily it will be better for official letters to be addressed to the Secretary of the Board. Another sheet, showing the provincial organization, has also been printed, and this will enable the Munitions Board's officers to know who may appropriately be addressed at other centres. These sheets will be reprinted from time to time and will be furnished to all concerned, who are requested to point out errors and to make any suggestions for improvement that occur to them.

5. *Industrial Development.*—From time to time information may be obtained regarding industrial developments in the provincial circles and proposals may be considered for various ways in which these industrial enterprises can be turned to account in the production of munitions of war. The Munitions Board will be glad to be furnished with such concrete proposals for local development as Controllers may consider suitable for reference to it. It is requested also that suggestions on such subjects may be exchanged informally with Controllers of other circles. In this connexion please see paragraph 4 of this note.

6. *Priority Committees.*—The local Government will be recommended to appoint the Controller a member of any Priority Committees appointed for the province, if not already so appointed.

7. *Special Legislation.*—The existing legislation which partially enables Government to exercise control over sales, and to requisition articles wanted for war purposes, are the Articles of Commerce Ordinance (No. IX of 1914), and the Defence of India (Consolidation) Rules, 1915. The former enables information as to stocks to be obtained, and empowers Government to take possession of stocks *unreasonably withheld* from the market. (This is not limited

it will be observed, to articles required for the war). The Defence of India Rules, to which the special attention of Controllers has already been drawn, empower Government, under rule 11-A. to obtain information, under rule 11-AA to requisition articles wanted for war purposes, and under rule 11-D, to take over, or to control, works.

8. Certain powers have been delegated to provincial Controllers under Defence of India rules 11-A., and 11-AA, but it has had to be ruled that these shall not be put into operation unless under the prior orders of the Munitions Board. This is partly because of legal difficulties but principally because it is the wish of the Government of India closely to control the exercise of the special powers assumed by them for war purposes.

9. *Control of sales and prices.*—The legislative provisions just mentioned do not empower Government to control sales in general nor do they provide any effective remedy against profiteering. The former power seems necessary to conserve existing stocks of things which are urgently wanted for war as well as essential civil purposes. The necessity of the latter is made evident by recurring instances of excessive prices being demanded for such things and by the known frequency of speculative dealings.

10. A proposal to take the necessary further powers is now under the consideration of the Government of India. It is limited for the present to a few of the most important articles such as coal, steel plates, and others in respect of which actual difficulties have arisen. Provision is proposed to allow the list to be added to, and Controllers are requested to keep this in view and to inform the Board of cases which arise hereafter and are of such importance as to make it desirable that Government should take control of dealings in new items, whether because of the limitations of stocks and the need of conserving them, because of undue rise in prices, or for other reasons. Such cases as are reported should be stated in sufficient detail to enable Government to decide on their merits.

11. *Signature of Orders.*—Some misapprehension has been caused as to the status of the Munitions Board owing to orders, such as appointments and delegations of legal powers, in respect of the Board's business being issued by the Army Department of the Government of India. This was merely a temporary arrangement designed to ensure that such orders should carry legal weight as those of the Governor General in Council. The necessary steps have now been taken formally to regularize the position of the Indian Munitions Board as that of a Department of the Government of India, and orders of the kind mentioned will henceforth be issued by the Board.

12. *Finance.*—The scheme of finance which has been adopted is that all accounting and payments should, as far as possible, be centralised at the headquarters of the Munitions Board to which all bills will be sent for payment. Special arrangements have been made to ensure the prompt disposal of bills and delays need not be apprehended. Detailed instructions on these points will be issued by the Deputy Controller, War Accounts, Munitions Branch.

13. *Conference of Controllers.*—Arrangements will probably be made for a conference of provincial Controllers with the Board when questions of general interest would be discussed. This will probably take place at Simla during October next.

14. *General.*—Controllers are authorised to communicate to the Board proposals and nominations for any additional staff that they think may be required locally for the execution of their duties. They should obtain a supply of stationery, suitably printed for correspondence, by indent on the Controller of Printing, Stationery and Stamps, Calcutta, or the Superintendents of Stationery at Madras and Bombay.

15. *Relations with local Governments.*—It is desirable for Controllers to realize that the Board does not supersede the established authority of their respective local Governments who should be kept in touch with all important developments.

By order,

T. RYAN,

Secretary, Indian Munitions Board.

SIMLA ;
The 7th September 1917.

C.I.O.M.(S.)—300—12-9-17—GCBP Simla

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Date of issue 28/10/15

Signed by [illegible] 2.9.Rys.

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To

The Controller of Munitions
in Mysore

Sir,

With reference to the Correspondence ending with your letter no 3073/21 dated the 28th Septr 1916 regarding the formation of a Prize Committee for the Mysore State and the C & M. Station, I am directed to state that Govt consider ~~the~~ the creation of a ~~the~~ such a Committee ~~is~~

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assisted by Govt there tilities
are few direct imports in the state
from Europe and America.

I have &c.

for Secretary
in Chief Engineer

List of enclosures.

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